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Subject: RE: West Side Soils and EPA's internal report

Hi Rich,

Ex. 5 - Attorney Client & Deliberative Process

Thanks Rich,

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From: Susan Dunlap [<mailto:Susan.Dunlap@mtstandard.com>]
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Hi Rich et al,

I think Robert is maybe out working on another site today, so though I'm including him, I think this is likely an email primarily for you, Rich.

I'm doing a story on EPA's internal report that came out last week from the Office of Inspector General: EPA's Distribution of Superfund Human Resources Does Not Support Current Regional Workload.

I am particularly concerned with the paragraph on page 6 of the report, which refers specifically to Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area NPL and West Side Soils.

First, does EPA want to make comment to the fact that “EPA reports that it has insufficient data to determine whether human exposure is under control and the site is not ready for anticipated use.”

Can EPA send me a map of exactly what constitutes West Side Soils?

Will Joe continue to be the site manager for West Side Soils, or is there potential for that operable unit to gain a site manager who can focus just on it in the future?

The report says “For the site, potential health threats include direct contact with and ingestion of contaminated soil, surface water and groundwater; and inhaling contaminated soil.”

I’ve heard that residents who live west of Uptown have wells (which falls within West Side Soils) – is that the potential groundwater contact being referred to?

What are the potential health threats that include direct contact with and ingestion of surface water in West Side Soils?

Is the direct contact with and ingestion of contaminated soil and inhaling contaminated soil come from the mine dumps west of Uptown, which falls within West Side Soils?

Is there a potential threat in the Flats (also in West Side Soils) where residents' yards have not been tested, I believe, for arsenic and lead?

Since people live in the Flats and there are some residences west of Uptown (also in West Side Soils), what is the "anticipated use?"

Deadline end of today.

Thank you!

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